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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Budget Update

Negotiations between Assembly Republican and Democratic leaders continue in an attempt to resolve the State budget. Each day this impasse continues, organizations representing counties such as CSAC and the Urban Counties Caucus, are beginning to worry that a new budget solution may be less favorable to counties. Items such as the VLF backfill and Medi-Cal Quarterly Status Reporting (QSR) could become part of the new solution. The County will continue to support continuation of the VLF backfill and oppose QSR. As previously reported, reinstatement of quarterly reporting on a Statewide basis could impact the County's Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver.

Racial Privacy Initiative

According to the Secretary of State's Office, the Racial Privacy Initiative has qualified for the March 2, 2004 Primary Election Ballot. The measure would prohibit public entities from classifying any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin for purposes of education, contracting, or employment. If a Statewide special election is held before that date, it would instead appear on the special election ballot.

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Status of County-interest Legislation

County-opposed SB 1481 (Polanco), which would clarify that inmate welfare funds shall not be used to pay required county expenses of confining inmates in a local detention system, but may augment county funds if the Sheriff determines it would be in the best interest of inmates, was chaptered on July 11, 2002 and will become effective January 1, 2003.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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